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Medical Services
MEDICAL EVACUATION BY ARMY AIRCRAFT

Further supplementation by subordinate commanders is prohibited,
unless specifically approved by Headquarters, USAFACFS.

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this regulation is to provide standing operating procedures for the medical evacuation by aircraft of the 4th Flight Platoon, 507th Medical Company (Air Ambulance).

2. SCOPE. This regulation applies to all organizations, units, and activities of this installation.

3. PROCEDURE. All requests for air evacuation with the exception of requests from Fort Sill range locations will be made through the Office of the Patient Administration Division, Reynolds Army Hospital (RAH), during normal duty hours. Requests for aeromedical evacuation from range locations are to be relayed to the range office who, in turn, contacts the 4th Flight Platoon, 507th Medical Company (AA). During other than duty hours, requests for evacuation will be directed through the AOD, RAH. In the case of an inoperable landline, the unit will notify the MEDEVAC unit by radio on 41.05MHz. The 4th Flight Platoon, 507th Medical Company (AA) will then notify RAH. In order for adequate preparations to be made prior to evacuation, the following information must accompany requests for medical evacuation by air ambulance.

- a. Pickup location and destination (grid coordinates with common name should be given, if available; i.e., 009009 Firing Point Oscar).
- b. Number of patients.
- c. Urgency of mission. (Care should be employed in determining urgency. Routine or nonemergency cases should utilize the ground ambulance.)
- d. Brief description of patient's condition with notation of litter or ambulatory.
- e. Call sign and frequency at pickup point, if radio is available, or name of person to contact in the event aircraft is not met.
- f. Any special equipment necessary.

*This regulation supersedes USAFACFS Regulation 40-535, 16 February 1973.

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4. MEDICAL EVACUATION. Ground ambulance service will continue to operate within the post contonment area during periods of inclement weather, and when the 4th Flight Platoon, 507th Medical Company (AA), is not on strip alert. The helicopter ambulance of this command is a supplementary means of transportation, and should be used only when the nature and severity of the patient's condition warrants speed in evacuation. Aerial ambulances will NOT be used in transportation of troops. The 4th Flight Platoon, 507th Medical Company (AA), maintains an alert crew on standby at the hanger (Bldg 5037) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

5. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT. A direct line crash alarm has been installed between aviation personnel, medical personnel, and the post field control tower. Normally, all reports of crashes and requests for medical aid as a result of aircraft accidents will be transmitted over this system. In the event notification is received by another method, the person receiving the call will immediately notify the Army Aviation Officer, USAFACFS. Individuals receiving notification of aircraft accidents will make every attempt to determine the exact location of the accident, type of aircraft, and the number of personnel involved.

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